

# PATCH CODES FOR COLOR CALIBRATION JOB IDENTIFICATION ENCODING

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A color calibration job identification system and method are provided,  
wherein the job identification data is encoded on a printed page, in a patch code,  
along with color targets, according to a protocol and format approximately  
identical to a format of the color targets. The patch code comprises a first portion,  
including a start code, and a second portion, including job identification data. The  
first portion of the patch code is comprised of two or more small color patches,  
10 each having a predefined color. The second portion of the patch code is  
comprised of two or more small color patches wherein each of the patches is  
comprised of a color selected from a plurality of colors, wherein each of the colors  
is indicative of a unique datum value, preferably an octal digit. The system  
provides a means for determining correct functioning of a printer and a means for  
15 determining an orientation of a printed page in a scanning device.